

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1114

By Bone

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rachel Elisabeth Bingham, 2004 Salutatorian of Watertown High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Bingham is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class at Watertown High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Bingham has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Rachel has earned an exemplary 4.417 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader, Rachel Bingham has proffered her leadership abilities as Vice President of her senior class, Reporter of the Beta Club, Treasurer of the Spanish Club, and President of the Watertown High School chapter of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, and has been a member of the Wilson County 4-H Club, the Watertown High Varsity Basketball team, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence within the classroom has earned Rachel inclusion in the *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and garnered her Academic Excellence and Leadership Scholarships at the University of Southern Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, proving to possess a deep appreciation for her community and those in it, Rachel Bingham organized and currently manages a local newspaper and magazine recycling

program and volunteers as a Little League basketball referee, dance instructor, tutor, and member of the Wilson County Youth Fair Board; and

WHEREAS, in order to further her pursuit of knowledge, Rachel plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and major in Architectural Engineering Technology and minor in Dance; and

WHEREAS, Miss Bingham's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Rachel's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Sheree and Boyd Bingham, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Bingham's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Watertown High School Salutatorian, Rachel Elisabeth Bingham, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.